

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Kiefer et al.  
Serial No.: 10/552,103  
For: MELTING AND REFINING IN TANKS WITH COOLED WALLS  
Filed: July 27, 2006  
Examiner: Queenie S. Dehghan  
Art Unit: 1741  
Confirmation: 4119  
Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: 2133.113USU

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing a Request for Continued Examination and Amendment in response to the communication dated December 3, 2010 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ 130.00 to extend the time for filing this response until April 4, 2011.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	32	Minus	31	0	x \$52.00	\$52.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	0	x \$220.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$390.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$52.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

The total fee for this amendment, Request for Continued Examination, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 992.00.

       A check in the amount of \$            is attached.

**X** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of **\$992.00** and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**.

April 4, 2011

Date

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